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TO: **Chairman Ernie Martin**
City Council
City & County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **Bill 11 (CD2)** Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Council Chamber, 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Honorable Chair Martin, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Councilmembers,

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,400 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and at every military installation in Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 110 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the state.

I am writing to strongly support the amendments to Bill 11 for a \$200,000 grant to **Adult Friends for Youth (AFY)**. As a board member of AFY now for many years, I have firsthand knowledge of the valuable work the AFY does with at-risk youth in gang environments at high schools in Farrington, Campbell, Kapolei, and Leilehua. Our Union has helped by indenturing graduates of AFY into our coveted electrician apprenticeship program, and seen the value AFY provides in changing people's lives.

The City's aid to AFY continues to be a sound investment in our future. Due to already severe cutbacks, your help is needed even more in these challenging financial times for Adult Friends for Youth to continue to serve our community. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to testify in strong support of amending Bill 11 to provide a Grant-in-Aid to Adult Friends for Youth.

Mahalo,

Damien Kim
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
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